Gymnastics in Halton Hills has taken a glant . vault forward.

The Halton Hills Recreation Department has agreed to cut the agree strings which had previous tled the Halton Hills Jills to the Recreation Department registrations, and the hiring of coaches.

Under a newly elected executive led by Roger Roy who takes over from past president Hugh Cook, the Halton Hills Jills will assume responsibilities for the entire gymnastics program - except what is offered by the YMCA.

The Jills are optimistic that the move will signal an even greater expansion of gymnastics in Halton Hills, which has grown steadily over the past few years.

In September the Jills will look after their own



Gail Cook on the beam: Jills hoping for an enrollment increase to strengthen their gymnastic endeavours.

## Hennessey qualifies for Ont. Games

Wheelchair athlete Mark Hennessey, 22, qualified for the Ontario Disabled Games July 8-11" despite a shoulder injury in the Mississauga Games three weeks ago.

The Georgetown native recently pulled a deltoid muscle in his shoulder which caused him considerable pain during the Mississauga Games.

Competing in the 100 metre, 200 metre and 400 metre races, Hennessey said only the longer distance proved to seriously hamper his racing times. "I didn't expect to qualify," he said after the meet, noting that his performances could have been better. "I worried about the pain after the race," he said.

However, Mark came within three seconds of breaking a world record in his A-1 quadraplegic racing category for the 100 metre sprint.

That's with a new racing wheelchair which he has just recently acquired. The lighter racing model has 14 different wheel positions which an athlete can adjust.

Mark found his knees up too high in the Mississauga Games so his brother has offered to make some adaptations to the chair before the Ontario Disabled Games.

SARNIA COMPETITION

Mark could face some stiff competition from two Sarnia athletes who will be familiar with the track plus have local fan support at the Ontario Games in Sarnia. However, Hennessey broke the Canadian record for the 100 metre sprint for A-1's with a time of 48.6 last year.

Meanwhile, on the Murderball circuit, which Mark participates in during the winter months, the Variety Village Bulldogs won the National championships over British Columbia, who had claimed that title for the past two years.

After the Ontario Disabled Games, there will

not be a National Championship like last year, but instead the Pan Am Disabled Games, Mark said.

Currently, the Murderball administrators are feeling the pressure from government to change their name to a more non-violent type description, he sald. But the final name change will be up to the Canadian Wheelchalr Sports Association, Mark

Meanwhile, Mark has been nominated to run on the Central East Committee for the Disabled, but he's turned down any boardroom position because he'd "rather be out in the court playing."



Mark Hennessey: Wheelchair athlete makes his mark at Mississauga Games despite shoulder

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advertising, registrations and hiring of coaches and will control the money collected from registrations. Expanded classes in the recreational section of the gymnastics club is planned for the fall, especially in the Acton area.

DOUBLE NUMBERS According to president Roger Roy, the club wants to expand their competitive section to double its present numbers.

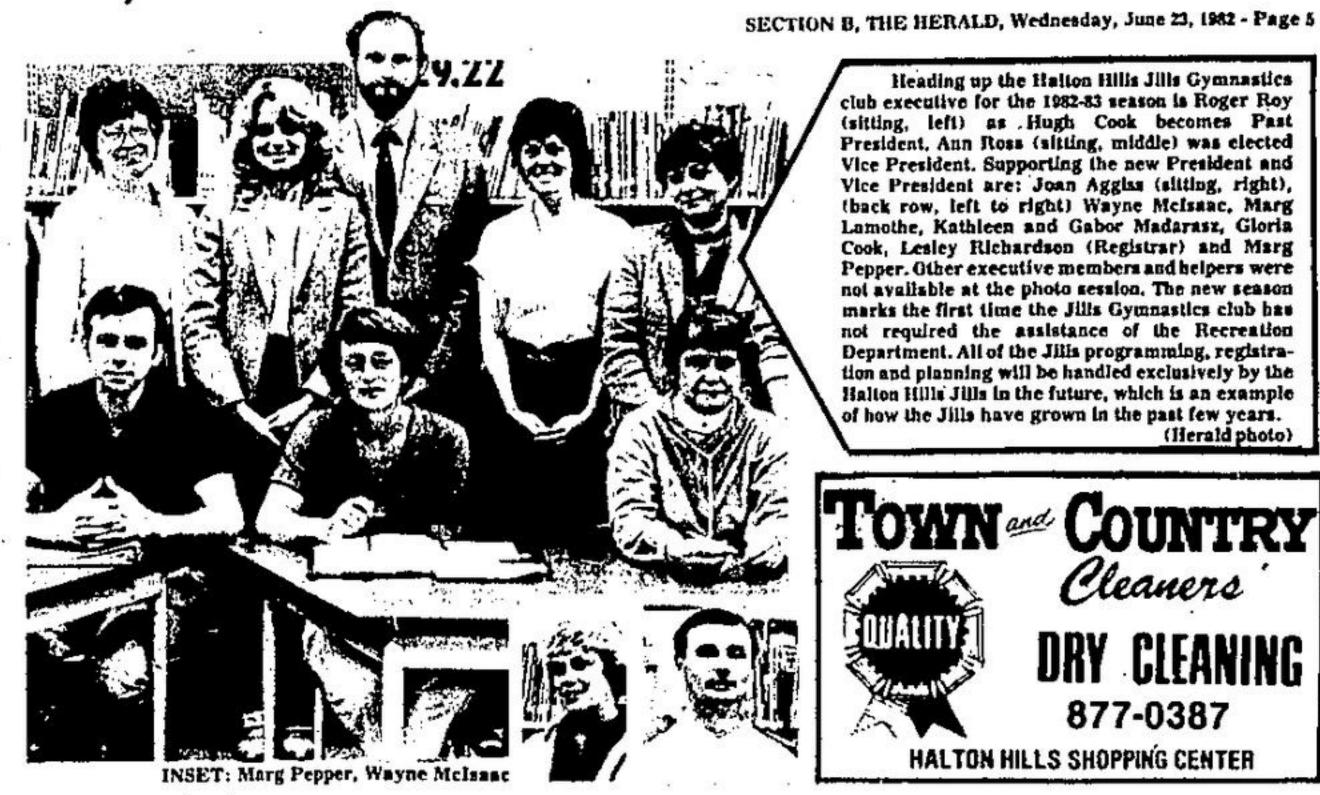
The Jills are looking for a program in the future that would include a new facility to house all their equipment and a full-time head coach.

Both projects are not within the present club's financial capabilities, but as Roy points out, with increasing enrollment, the chances of a new building and head coach become more plausible.

The Jills are hoping to hire someone to oversee the coaches in the club and look after certain areas of the administration on a part-time paid basis, however no commitment about this position has been confirmed at this date.

Meantime, the club still has the Rose Room above Memorial arena and use of the Georgetown High School as facilities for the competitive members.

Roger Roy is convinced the future looks bright for both the Jills and gymnastics in Ontario. It's growing in Ontario and Quebec while gymnastics is experiencing slower growth in the Western provinces, he says.



Heading up the Halton Hills Jills Gymnastics club executive for the 1982-83 season is Roger Roy (sitting, left) as . Hugh Cook becomes Past President, Ann Ross (sitting, middle) was elected Vice President. Supporting the new President and Vice President are: Joan Aggiss (sliting, right), (back row, left to right) Wayne McIsaac, Marg Lamothe, Kathleen and Gabor Madarasz, Gloria Cook, Lesley Richardson (Registrar) and Marg Pepper. Other executive members and helpers were not available at the photo session. The new season marks the first time the Jills Gymnastics club has not required the assistance of the Recreation Department. All of the Jills programming, registration and planning will be handled exclusively by the Halton Hills Jills in the future, which is an example of how the Jills have grown in the past few years. (Herald photo)



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